# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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RURAL GODOWNS
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) The number of godowns set up under central sector rural godown scheme in the country at present, State-wise; and

(b) The number of such godowns proposed to be set up in the country including Gujarat during 2004-05, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Central Sector Scheme `Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/ Expansion/ Renovation of Rural Godowns` from 01.04.2001. The aim of the Scheme is to create scientific storage in rural areas to meet the requirements of farmers for storing their farm produce. Since the inception of the Scheme, 3731 projects for construction of new godowns with storage capacity of 91.91 lakh tonnes and 1120 projects of renovation of cooperative godowns of 13.02 lakh tonnes capacity have been sanctioned. State wise details of the godowns constructed and renovated as on 31.03.2004 are given in the enclosed Annexures I & II.

(b): During 2004-05, it is proposed to construct new storage capacity of 30 lakh tonnes and renovate 8.00 lakh tonnes of existing cooperative godowns. There is no State-wise allocation of funds under the above Scheme. Construction of rural godown is to be decided by the entrepreneur on need basis and its economic viability as a bankable project. The benefit of Scheme is available throughout the country.